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Customized PTO/SB/30 (05-03)



REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) Transmittal

Application #	09/714,524
Confirmation #	5323
Filing Date	November 17, 2000
First Inventor	CHARPENTIER
Art Unit	2823
Examiner	B. Kebede
Docket #	P06983US00/RFH

This is a Request for Continued Examination under 37 CFR § 1.114 of the above-identified application.
RCE practice does not apply to any utility application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application.

Submission required under 37 CFR § 1.114

Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise (with a separate Request).

- ☒ **Previously submitted.** If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered by the PTO as a submission even if this line is not checked.
- ☒ Consider the arguments in the Amendment previously filed on November 5, 2003
- Other:
- ☐ Enclosed
- ☐ Amendment/Reply ☐ Information Disclosure Citation
- ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) ☐ Other:

Miscellaneous

- ☐ **Suspension of action** on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR § 1.103(c) for a period of * months (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37CFR§ 1.17(i) required)
- Other:

FEES: calculated below (after reduction for an amendment if noted above).

	NOW	Basic/Previous Number	Present Extra	Rate	\$
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TOTAL CLAIMS	7	- 20	0	X \$ 18 =	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INDEP. CLAIMS	2	- 3	0	X \$ 86 =	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RCE fee required under 37 CFR § 1.17(e)				\$ 770 =	770
TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =					770
<input type="checkbox"/> Reduction by ½ for small entity status of applicant				-	
SUBTOTAL =					770
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Extension of time fee				+ \$ =	110
<input type="checkbox"/> Other fee for				+ \$ =	
TOTAL OF ALL FEES =					880.00

- ☒ A check in the amount of \$880.00 is enclosed. If no payment or an insufficient payment is enclosed and a fee is due in connection herewith, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee or additional fee due in connection herewith to Deposit Account No. 12-0555.
- ☒ In the event that a petition for extension of time is required to be submitted but it is not filed herewith, applicant hereby petitions under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) for an extension of time of as many months as are required to render this submission timely. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee or additional fee due in connection herewith to Deposit Account No. 12-0555.

Date: December 3, 2003

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